

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** With two weeks remaining in 2025, we wish to remind parishioners who submitted a pledge to this appeal and to reach out to those who did not pledge and choose to make a donation. To date, we remain **\$55,000 short of the assessed goal of \$109,600**. Any shortcoming by year's end will need to be covered by the church's operating budget. Over the past three years, Lourdes has stepped up and surpassed the assessed goal, with excess donations flowing back to our church. Let's continue this trend. In order to count toward the Archdiocese assessment, all online donations must be received by **December 31**. Please fulfill your pledge or, if you did not pledge, make a gift by this date. To give online, visit [donate.archatl.com](https://donate.archatl.com). Our sincere thanks for your support and generosity.

**JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY:** The Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (ASBS) will lead the Rosary every **Saturday at 4:30pm before the 5pm Mass**. The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Unit #300 invites you to join us on the **last Sunday of each month after the 8am Mass** as we pray the Rosary. **All are welcome!**

**YOU ARE INVITED! Stories of Hope: Radical Healthcare Solutions and the PAD Epidemic :** Join us for a screening of "Bloodlines, MS" - Uncovering injustice, inspiring change—an urgent conversation on Black health and limb loss. **"Bloodlines, MS" Film Screening & Dialogue on Black Health in America.** Join a powerful evening that brings together clinicians, policymakers, community leaders, and patients to confront one of the most devastating—and preventable—crises in American healthcare: the intersection of diabetes, Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), and the epidemic of avoidable amputations. The program features:

- Screening of the award-winning short documentary Bloodlines, Mississippi
- Panel conversation on diabetes disparities, PAD underdiagnosis, systemic inequities, and national policy gaps
- A call to action for radical solutions in screening, workforce, reimbursement, and community-based prevention

Admission: Free with RSVP. Audience: Open to health care professionals, students, advocates, and the public. Reserve your seat now! For more information and to [register](#).

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:** For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT.** Have you ever considered the possibility of serving God as a priest? Come pray and explore if this could be the vocation God has prepared for you. Join us for our annual Men's Discernment Retreat, December 26-28, at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. Register at [calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat](https://calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat). Thank you for your support of vocations. I ask for your prayers for the retreat and for the vocations' work in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. May God bless you in your ministry.

**2026 MLK JR. WEEKEND CELEBRATION:** The Office of Intercultural Ministries is proud to lead the archdiocesan effort in celebrating and commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in January 2026. Please join us for our Eucharistic Celebration on **Saturday, January 17, at 1 p.m., at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church** (2560 Tilson Road, Decatur, 30032). Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., will be the principal celebrant. Bishop John Tran will serve as our homilist. Our Youth Celebration will be held on **Sunday, January 18, at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Academy** (861 GA-279, Fayetteville, GA 30214). Bishop Bernard Shlesinger will be in attendance. For more information contact Mr. Ashley Morris via email at [amorris@archatl.com](mailto:amorris@archatl.com).

**\*\*For a listing of available vacancies within the Archdiocese of Atlanta visit <https://archatl.com/offices/human-resources/job-openings/> \*\***

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888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline  
Free Pregnancy Test – Pregnancy Aid Clinic – 404.763.4357 or [Optionline.org](https://Optionline.org)



A CENTURY OF WITNESS—A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT  
**OUR LADY of LOURDES**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOUNDED THROUGH  
THE GENEROSITY OF  
SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL



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[www.lourdesatlanta.org](https://www.lourdesatlanta.org)  
Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM  
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025



**Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Saturdays: 5PM  
Sundays: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Livestream Mass**  
Sundays: 10:30 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 4:30pm and  
By appointment call  
the Church Office  
404-522-6776

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)**  
Contact: Ms. Kimberly Parrish  
404.247.6628 / [kparish@hotmail.com](mailto:kparish@hotmail.com)

**Religious Education**  
Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen  
Director of Religious Education  
[tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org)

**Sunday School Classes**  
For Pre-K - 8th Grade

**Teen Ministry:**  
9:00am - 10:15am  
Contact: Ms. Sheena White  
(Teen Ministry Coordinator)  
Mrs. Ambra Hannah (Assistant)  
[lourdesteens1912@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:lourdesteens1912@lourdesatlanta.org)

**Parenting Ministry**  
9:00am - 10:15am  
Contact: Ms. PJ Lemuel  
[pj.lemuel@gmail.com](mailto:pj.lemuel@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Care Team**  
Contact the Church Office  
For Prayer/Visit Email: 404-522-6776  
Meet: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at  
10:30AM {Virtual}



**Flocknote**

Join our online community on **Flocknote** by texting LOURDESATL to 84576 to sign up for a ministry and receive our weekly e-newsletter!

## Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., *Pastor*  
Rev. Mr. Chester Griffin, *Deacon*  
Rev. Mr. Lennison Alexander, *Deacon*  
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Bell, *Deacon*  
Mr. LeRell Ross, *Director of Music*  
Mrs. Carmen Rancifer Jenkins, *Office Manager*  
Ms. Carol Ann Pinard, *Office Administrator*  
Mr. Cameron Chaney, *Pastoral Assistant*  
Mrs. Angela Massingale, *Parish Secretary*  
Mrs. Theresa Bowen, *Director of Religious Education*  
Ms. Sheena White, *Teen Ministry Coordinator*

*Rooted in African-American Catholic history, Lourdes celebrates the Living Word of God, embraces inclusiveness, and inspires social action.*

We are active  
We are committed  
We are LOURDES

Be active. Your time, your talent, your Church.



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Ministries & Organizations

(OLLS) Alumni Association  
Calvin Washington, President  
[ollsalumni@gmail.com](mailto:ollsalumni@gmail.com)

Amazing Grace Dance Company  
Wednesdays, 7:15pm-9:15pm;  
Sundays, 1:30pm  
Open Rehearsals every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
January - October at 2:30pm  
[dancecompanyamazinggrace@gmail.com](mailto:dancecompanyamazinggrace@gmail.com)

Amazing Grace Youth Ministry  
Saturdays, 9:45am - 1:30pm  
Teresa Emmanuel  
[amazinggraceyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:amazinggraceyouthministry@gmail.com)

Associates of Sisters of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
3rd Saturdays, 3pm (virtual)  
Brenda Manson  
(404) 735-8120

Bible Study (via Zoom)  
Tuesdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Keme Hawkins & Nyrva Cadet  
(404) 522-6776

Book Store  
Contact the Church Office  
404-522-6776

Boomers and Friends  
Lynn Nixon  
[marion12lynn@gmail.com](mailto:marion12lynn@gmail.com)  
404-788-6166

Cursillo Movement/Ultreya  
1<sup>st</sup> Mondays, 7am  
Patrice Barton Smith  
[psbarton901@gmail.com](mailto:psbarton901@gmail.com)

Finance Council  
Quarterly Meetings  
Philip Verre, Chairperson  
[ollfinancecouncil@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:ollfinancecouncil@lourdesatlanta.org)

Green Team  
Shelli Stewart,  
[stewartshelli@yahoo.com](mailto:stewartshelli@yahoo.com)

Haiti Ministry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30am Mass  
Ron Apollon  
404-441-3032  
[ronapollon@gmail.com](mailto:ronapollon@gmail.com)

Health Promotions Ministry  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 10:30am Mass  
LaSheka Morris (Lead)  
[ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com](mailto:ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com)



Today’s Sunday’s Readings { 4th Sunday of Advent }  
Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Next Sunday’s Readings { Feast of the Holy Family }  
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-17  
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Mass Intentions  
Sunday 8am for the repose of the soul of †Felice Verre and  
In celebration of Beth Martignetti

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/13/25 - 12/19/25) \$24,581  
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/13/25 - 12/19/25) \$6,371  
Online Offertory (12/13/25 - 12/19/25) \$18,210  
Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 25-26): \$27,885

Consider setting up on-line giving today!  
Visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/lourdesatlanta/funds>.  
Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of Our Lady of Lourdes

2025 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal  
“We are One Body in Christ.”  
Lourdes Parish Goal: \$109,600  
Amount Paid (12/19/25) \$54,140  
Over/(Under Goal) (\$55,460)

For more information or to donate online  
visit [donate.archatl.com](https://donate.archatl.com). Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts on Stewardship

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in re-  
turn. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He  
may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the  
strength and courage to be a model of discipleship.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen,	Christian Doute,	PJ Lemuel,	Wendy Stewart,
Karen Allen,	Gloria Dworet,	Gloria Manson,	Johnnie Strong,
Kennan Allen,	Angela Etson	James McEwan,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Cherry Banez,	Joyce Foley,	Melody McIntyre	Gwendolyn Thompson,
Sandy Bell,	Barbara Hagan,	Jeremy Moon,	Frank Tighe,
Susie Bell,	Pamela Haley,	Evette Oates,	Sandra Turner,
Deanna Blasingame,	Frank Howard,	Katie Price,	Helen Vance,
Gerrard ‘Aviel’ Boyd,	Georgia Hutchinson,	Eisenhower Raines,	Josette Walker,
David Brower,	Jackson Igou,	Josephine Rosario,	Valerie West,
Edward Branch,	Geraldine Jackson White,	Mildred Rucker,	Michelle Wilkinson
Frederick Cannon,	James Jordan,	Alana Shepard,	
Luella Chambers,	Felix Lawrence,	Barbara Smith,	
Sam Cooper,	Janet Lawrence,	Kevin Smith,	
Betty Davis,	Kyle Anderson,	Scindy Stewart,	

The deadline for Bulletin and Lourdes Notes (Flocknote) content is  
Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Please email [cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org). Bulletins and Inserts are always available  
on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).

NEWS AT LOURDES

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office is closed for Christmas and  
New Year’s from Tuesday, December 23, 2025 through Friday, January 2,  
2026. We will re-open on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:30am.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY From Father  
Jeffery, Deacon Chester, Deacon Lenny, Deacon Kenney and the Staff of  
Our Lady of Lourdes.

2025 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4pm Family Mass  
7pm Children’s Mass \*\* Livestreamed

Christmas Midnight Mass, Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> \*\* Livestreamed  
Music program begins at 11:30pm followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> \*\* Livestreamed  
10:30am Mass

New Year’s Eve, Watch Night Service \*\* Livestreamed  
Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 11:00pm Mass

ALL Masses will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes. Parking is available in the  
Edgewood Ave lot located at 494 - 502 Edgewood Ave. SE. Limited park-  
ing for those with physical challenges available in our Auburn and Boule-  
vard Parking Lots. Our Christmas and New Year ’s Mass schedule is available on  
our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org), and Flocknote e-Newsletter.

2026 CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING: Teens interested in  
receiving the sacrament of confirmation in May 2026 are invited, along  
with their parents/guardians, to attend a Confirmation Information Meet-  
ing on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall. Teens  
eligible to receive the sacrament must be at least 16 years old at the time  
of Confirmation in May; have received their baptism, reconciliation and  
first communion; and have two years of religious education in 9th and  
10th grade, either at a parish or Catholic school. For questions or more  
information, email Samantha Smith at [samantha.smith1534@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.smith1534@gmail.com).

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

<b>December 21</b> Ava Godwin Charlotte Akor Danielle Salinas Jaja Johnson Jeantel Luscip Joshua Cahill Nicholas Davis Rebecca Alexander Ricardo Ware Sharif Kemp Sterling Fleury Sydney Banks	Kayan Rose Nia Starr  <b>December 23</b> Ama Mfone Aubrey Hannah Charlotte Johnson Destinee Nwankwo-Chukelu Gillian Brown Karena Anderson Martha Turner Monica Jacob Xavier Brown  <b>December 24</b> Adewale Bakare Emmanuel Boyd	Erica Henry Ethan Devine Lisa Robinson  <b>December 25</b> Alphonsine Mfwamba Gale Warren Nathaniel Papillion Noelle Cloyd Talia Myers  <b>December 26</b> Barbara Miller Christine Wilkinson Curtis Armour Jr. Garrett Smith Maria Yu	Nicole Symmonds  <b>December 27</b> Beau Bernard Craig Weber Davis Smith Ethan Devine Frederick McCray Jennifer Lund Jeremy McCray John Mazzolini Kyri Hooks Remington Van Voohis  
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Ministries & Organizations

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
Clima White, Grand Knight  
[climajwhite@hotmail.com](mailto:climajwhite@hotmail.com)

KPC Junior Knights  
Kwame Nyaku, Junior Commander  
[knyaku@gmail.com](mailto:knyaku@gmail.com)

KPC Ladies Auxiliary  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30am Mass  
Taninma “Ninma” Logan, Grand Lady  
[ollgrandlady@gmail.com](mailto:ollgrandlady@gmail.com)

KPC Junior Daughters  
Allison Joyner, Counselor  
[jrdaughterscourt300@gmail.com](mailto:jrdaughterscourt300@gmail.com)

Lourdes Lunch  
Tuesday & Thursday,  
September -June  
Thayes Sturgis, Coordinator  
(404) 375-0838

Liturgy Committee  
Contact: Rev. Jeffery Ott  
[jott@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:jott@lourdesatlanta.org)

Men’s Ministry  
Deacon Kenneth Bell, Facilitator  
Contact the Church Office  
404-522-6776

Parenting Ministry  
Sunday at 9:00am  
P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator  
(770) 981-7226

Social Action Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the 10:30am Mass  
Kiana Wright, John Schwenkler &  
Beatrice Soublet

Stephen Ministry Leaders  
Lennison Alexander, (404) 644-7554;  
Fr. Jeffery Ott , (404) 997-3867

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 10:30am Mass  
Nathaniel Papillion, Chair  
SVDP Hotline (678) 892-6163

Women’s Council  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10am

Millen-Z Ministry (Young Adult Group )  
Nikki Moorer  
[nmoorer5154@gmail.com](mailto:nmoorer5154@gmail.com)

Young at Heart (Seniors)  
Contact the Church Office